

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A financial management system including:
presentation means for presenting financial information to a user wherein the financial information includes a planned value in respect of a pre-determined period of time, a target value being a proportion of the planned value at a pre-determined point during the period of time, and an actual value as at the pre-determined point during the period of time, each of the planned value, the target value and the actual value being represented by a graphic;
the graphics are associated with one another so that the variance between the target value and the actual value is visually apparent to the user;
the system further including manipulation means for manipulating at least one of the graphics in response to an action of a user; and
modifying means for modifying the financial information based on the manipulation of the at least one graphic.
2. (Original) A financial management system according to claim 1 wherein the financial information that the at least one graphic represents is proportional to a dimension of the graphic and the graphic may be manipulated by being resized.
3. (Currently Amended) A financial management system according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~ wherein the financial information that the at least one graphic represents corresponds to the position of the graphic and the graphic may be manipulated by being moved.
4. (Currently Amended) A financial management system according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claim~~ further including creation means for creating a graphic and the financial information represented by that graphic.
5. (Currently Amended) A financial management system according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~ further including means for generating icons indicative of positive and negative financial status.
6. (Currently Amended) A financial management system according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~ further including means for storing the financial information.

7. (Currently Amended) A financial management system according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~ further including means for substituting the at least one graphic with an alternative graphic.
8. (Currently Amended) A financial management system according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~ wherein the means for presenting the financial information can represent the financial information wholly numerically.
9. (Currently Amended) A financial management system according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~ wherein the planned value is a budget and the system further includes means for generating icons representative of budget items within the budget.
10. (Original) A financial management system according to claim 9 further including means for associating a graphic with each icon whereby that budget item can be modified by manipulating the graphic.
11. (Currently Amended) A financial management system according to claim 9 ~~either claim 9 or claim 10~~ further including means for generating icons representing the time period over which a budget is to extend.
12. (Original) A method of managing financial information including the steps of:
 - presenting financial information to a user wherein the financial information includes a planned value in respect of a pre-determined period of time, a target value being a proportion of the planned value at a pre-determined point during the period of time, and an actual value as at the pre-determined point during the period of time, each of the planned value, the target value and the actual value being represented by a graphic;
 - associating the graphics with one another so that the variance between the target value and the actual value is visually apparent to the user;
 - manipulating at least one of the graphics in response to an action of a user;
 - and
 - modifying the financial information based on the manipulation of the at least one graphic.
13. (Original) A method according to claim 12 wherein the financial information that the at least one graphic represents is proportional to a dimension of the graphic and the step of manipulating the graphic includes the step of resizing the graphic.

14. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 12 ~~or claim 13~~ wherein the financial information that the at least one graphic represents corresponds to the position of the graphic and the step of manipulating the graphic includes the step of moving the graphic.
15. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of claim[[s]] 12 to 14~~ further including the step of creating a graphic and the financial information represented by that graphic.
16. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of claim[[s]] 12 to 15~~ further including the step of generating icons indicative of positive and negative financial status.
17. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of claim[[s]] 12 to 16~~ further including the step of storing the financial information.
18. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of claim[[s]] 12 to 17~~ further including the step of substituting the at least one graphic with an alternative graphic.
19. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of claim[[s]] 12 to 18~~ further including the step of representing the financial information wholly numerically.
20. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of claim[[s]] 12 to 19~~
A method according to claim 12 wherein the planned value is a budget and further including the step of generating icons representative of budget items within the budget.
21. (Original) A method according to claim 20 further including the step of associating a graphic with each icon whereby that budget item can be modified by manipulating the graphic.
22. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 20 ~~or claim 21~~ further including the step of generating icons representing a time period over which the budget is to extend.
23. (Cancelled)
24. (Cancelled)